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Application	No.: 08/923,461	) Examiner: M. Sedighian	Technology Center 2600
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	ner of Patent and Trademarks , D.C. 20231		
Sir:	•		
Encl	osed is a reply for the above-identi	fied patent application.	
	A Petition for Extension of Tim	e is also enclosed.	
	A Terminal Disclaimer and a ch requisite Government fee are als	neck for \$\infty\$ \$55.00 \$\infty\$ \$110.00 so enclosed.	to cover the
	Applicant(s) request continued e	examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1	14 and enclose
	the \$370.00 \$740.0	oo fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1	17(e).
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	A request for Entry and Consider is also enclosed.	eration of Submission under 37 C.F	F.R. § 1.129(a)

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	No additional claim fee is required.
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AMENDI	ED CLAIMS				
	No. of Claims	Highest No. Of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	37	Minus 40	. 0	x \$18.00 =	
Claims					·
Ind. Claims	7	Minus 5	2	x \$84.00 =	\$168.00
If Amendr	nent adds mul	ltiple dependent cl	aims, add \$280	.00	
Total Amendment Fee				\$168.00	
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT			\$168.00		

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	Charge \$	to Deposit A	ccount n	o. 50-1070.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070.

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## SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 2, 2001, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the Examiner's approval is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:** 

Please cancel claims 2-7, 9-13, 15-26 and 28-40 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

-- 41 A method of multiplexing/demultiplexing optical signals in a set of multiple channels within an operating window of a fiber communication network, comprising:

fine wavelength division demultiplexing the optical signals from individual channels of the set of multiple channels into a first set of subgroups of optical signals, each subgroup of

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